

Distribution Report

Partner: A4JB

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Testimony #1960

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Ms. Katherine lives in a small, two-room wooden home constructed with plywood walls and a zinc roof. While the house is always kept clean and well cared for, it is very modest in size and shows visible signs of aging. The limited space and basic construction provide minimal comfort, particularly for an elderly resident with mobility challenges.

Ms. Katherine is the sole caregiver for her adult son, Ted, age 43, who was partially paralyzed in a motorcycle accident two years ago. Caring for him within this small home places additional physical and emotional demands on her, especially given her age and knee-related mobility issues. Like many homes in rural Belize, the structure offers little insulation from heat or weather, making daily living more physically demanding. Despite these conditions, Ms. Katherine takes pride in her home and maintains it with dignity and care.

Name

Katherine Emmanuel

Age

88

Gender

female

Occupation

Homemaker/caregiver

Family Size

3 in her home. 13 adult children on is her disabled son Ted

What Are Their Living Conditions?

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Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Ms. Katherine's primary needs include reliable access to nutritious food, companionship, and ongoing community support. Her mobility challenges and age-related health concerns limit her independence, while her role as a caregiver further strains her physical capacity. Transportation limitations increase isolation, making regular visits and food assistance especially meaningful. Emotional and spiritual encouragement are also vital, as she deeply values fellowship and time with others. In addition to food assistance, Ms. Katherine requires ongoing community support as she balances age-related health challenges with the responsibilities of caring for her partially disabled adult son.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The rice meals provided through World Help directly addressed Ms. Katherine's immediate need for food security, ensuring she and her household have access to consistent, nourishing meals. Beyond meeting physical needs, the visit from the All 4 Jesus Belize team brought encouragement, fellowship, and prayer reminding her that she is not forgotten. These moments of connection helped reduce isolation and reinforced a sense of dignity, care, and hope. The food will continue to support her household in the coming weeks while easing daily stress.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

"I was praying to God for a good Samaritan to come along, and you showed up!"

Ms. Katherine is known for her joyful spirit, her love of singing, and for "bashing the tambourine."

She regularly thanks God for visitors and cherishes the fellowship they bring.

Testimony #1961

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Loerna Villanueva lives in Sarawee Village, just outside Dangriga, Belize, where many residents rely on informal or low-paying work and have limited access to consistent income. Food insecurity is common, especially among individuals who serve as caregivers or provide domestic support without formal wages. Rising food costs and transportation expenses further strain already limited household resources. In this community, reliable food assistance helps stabilize families who quietly serve others while struggling to meet their own basic needs.

Name

Loerna Villanueva

Age

64

Gender

female

Occupation

In Home Caregiver

Family Size

Husband and 2 adult children

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Loerna primarily lives in a modest wooden home in Sarawee Village with basic construction and limited space. The home reflects the realities of rural living and shows signs of age, but is maintained with care. Due to the nature of her work, Loerna spends extended periods away from her home while serving as an in-home caregiver for an elderly woman. When working, she sleeps on a simple bedroll on the floor. Transportation between communities requires up to a two-hour bus ride, adding physical and financial strain.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Loerna's primary needs include consistent access to food, relief from financial strain, and ongoing community support. While she receives a small income from the family of the elderly woman she cares for, the compensation is minimal and often barely covers transportation costs. Her caregiving

work is largely an act of service rather than a sustainable livelihood.

Before Loerna began providing in-home care, the woman she now serves nearly lost her life after becoming severely ill with the flu while living alone. That experience underscored the critical need for daily care, monitoring, and companionship, responsibilities Loerna now carries faithfully. Food assistance helps offset Loerna's limited income so she can continue serving another while meeting her own basic needs.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The rice meals provided through World Help helped ease Loerna's immediate food insecurity by supplying reliable, nourishing meals she could depend on. This support reduced daily stress and allowed her limited income to be directed toward transportation and basic necessities. Beyond the food itself, the visit and interaction reminded her that her quiet faithfulness and service are seen and valued. The assistance provided tangible relief and encouragement during a season of ongoing sacrifice.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

She showed a team member two bananas.

"They look the same, but this one is ready, you have to look carefully and be patient." "God teaches us patience".

(Shared through conversation with a team member; English is her second language.)

Testimony #1963

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Kayla lives in the Light of the Valley community near Mile 18 on the Hummingbird Highway. This area is home to families facing significant economic hardship, limited access to steady employment, and food insecurity. Single-parent households are especially vulnerable, particularly when compounded by recent loss and caregiving responsibilities. Rising food costs and limited infrastructure make reliable food assistance a critical need for families in this region.

Name

Kayla (Last name withheld for privacy)

Age

30's

Gender

female

Occupation

Primary caregiver / Homemaker

Family Size

4 - 2 Grade school children, 1 Toddler

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Kayla resides in a very modest, aging home in the Light of the Valley community at the base of a small mountain. The house is constructed of mixed materials, including plywood walls and zinc roofing, much of which is deteriorating and prone to leaks. The uneven dirt floor sits on a sloped surface, making the home especially vulnerable during the rainy season, when water enters and the interior remains damp for extended periods.

Access to the home is difficult, and Kayla preferred to meet elsewhere rather than host visitors. This decision reflects the reality of her living conditions and the dignity with which she seeks to care for her children despite severe material limitations.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Kayla is a single mother with no current income. She is also grieving the recent loss of her mother, Gloria, for whom she had been the primary caregiver until her passing. The father of her two oldest children is deceased, and Kayla chose not to discuss the circumstances surrounding her youngest child, a choice that has been fully respected.

Her family's most urgent need is consistent access to food. Rice has become her primary food source, and without assistance, feeding four growing children would be extremely difficult. In addition to food security, Kayla needs community support, stability, and encouragement as she raises her children during a season marked by loss and transition.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

How did this donation meet these needs and make a lasting impact?

The rice meals provided through World Help have become a critical lifeline for Kayla and her children. Rather than serving the same meal repeatedly, Kayla has found creative and joyful ways to prepare the rice transforming it into a variety of dishes, including savory meals and even desserts. On occasion, she separates the soy seasoning and uses it differently, at times creating empanadas and other unexpected variations.

Her creativity has brought moments of joy and anticipation into her household. Her children regularly come home asking what she is making and are sometimes surprised to learn that the familiar rice has been transformed yet again. Beyond meeting immediate nutritional needs, this food assistance has restored dignity, fostered creativity, and helped create a sense of normalcy and excitement for her children.

All 4 Jesus Belize is currently in conversation with Kayla about the possibility of a small cookbook and a community open-house style event where others could come and sample her recipes, an opportunity that could further encourage her and celebrate her resilience.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“My wife hasn’t even thought of that yet!”

- Anthony Hislop (“Brother Menzies”), local distribution partner and fellow rice recipient, responding to Kayla’s creative rice recipes.

Testimony #1964

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

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1101-RICE-MEALS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

Ms. Heliadora Bol lives in Hope Creek, Stann Creek District, Belize—an inland rural village with a mixed Maya/Mestizo population. Employment opportunities in this area are limited and often seasonal, with many residents relying on subsistence farming, informal labor, or extended family support. Access to medical care is costly and difficult, especially for those facing chronic illness. Food insecurity is common in multi-generational households, particularly when health challenges reduce the ability to work or produce food consistently. In this context, staple food assistance is essential to daily survival.

Name

Heliadora Bol

Age

Mid-70s

Gender

female

Occupation

Not employed; household relies on shared resources and assistance

Family Size

Ms. Heliadora lives in a shared household with: Her sister, Honoria Her late sister's adult daughter That daughter's two children (one infant and one child with special needs) Neither Ms. Heliadora nor her sister are married. The household spans three generations living together.

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Ms. Heliadora lives in a modest rural home in Hope Creek with her sister and extended family. The household consists of several simple structures built with a mix of materials, including concrete block, wood, zinc roofing, and thatch. Some portions of the home show visible wear from age and exposure to the elements.

Cooking is done in a basic outdoor kitchen, a common and practical arrangement in the village, though it leaves meal preparation vulnerable to weather conditions. The yard and surrounding area are kept orderly, reflecting pride and care despite limited resources. The household relies heavily on

staple foods and shared space to meet daily needs.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Ms. Heliadora's most urgent needs are food security and stability. She is living with metastasized breast cancer and is unable to afford medical treatment. As her health declines, her appetite has become increasingly limited, and she is very selective about what she can tolerate. Currently, she is able to eat mainly tortillas and the rice provided through World Help.

The household also supports a child with special needs and an infant, increasing daily demands on food, care, and resources. With no reliable income and rising food costs, consistent access to staple foods is critical for the survival and well-being of everyone in the home.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The rice provided through World Help has become the household's primary and most reliable food source. For Ms. Heliadora, in particular, it is one of the few foods she can consistently eat as her health declines. The rice has helped prevent hunger, reduced daily anxiety about meals, and ensured that the most vulnerable members of the family, including a special-needs child and an infant, have something to eat each day.

Beyond physical nourishment, the visit itself brought reassurance. Initially, Ms. Heliadora expressed concern that she might not be eligible to receive the rice because the distributing church was not Catholic. After being reassured that the food was given freely and without condition, she accepted it with gratitude. The support affirmed that care and compassion extend across traditions, meeting people where they are in their time of need.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“Without the rice, we were looking at the cassava trees for fruit.”